

## **CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

- 1    1.     A frost cover for a plant or group of plants, comprising a container formed of a  
2   spun-bonded mesh fabric, the container defining an interior enclosure to surround the  
3   top and sides of a plant and an opening for emplacement around a plant.
  
- 1   2.     The frost cover of claim 1 further comprising a retaining mechanism for  
2   tightening the opening.
  
- 1   3.     The frost cover of claim 1 wherein the mesh fabric has a thickness of between  
2   approximately 6 mils and approximately 9 mils.
  
- 1   4.     The frost cover of claim 2 wherein the retaining mechanism comprises an elastic  
2   band.
  
- 1   5.     The frost cover of claim 2 wherein the retaining mechanism comprises a  
2   drawstring.
  
- 1   6.     The frost cover of claim 2 wherein the retaining mechanism comprises a  
2   Velcro®-style fastener.
  
- 1   7.     The frost cover of claim 1 wherein the membrane is formed of polypropylene.

1 8. The frost cover of claim 1 wherein the membrane is formed of olefin.

1 9. A frost cover for a plant or group of plants consisting of:

1 a container formed of a spun-bonded mesh fabric, the container defining an

2 interior enclosure to surround the top and sides of a plant;

3 an opening to said interior enclosure; and

4 a retaining mechanism for tightening the opening.

1 10. The frost cover of claim 9 wherein the retaining mechanism comprises a

2 drawstring.

1 11. The frost cover of claim 9 wherein the retaining mechanism comprises an elastic

2 band.

1 12. The frost cover of claim 9 wherein the retaining mechanism comprises a Velcro®

2 fastener.

1 13. The frost cover of claim 9 wherein the mesh fabric has a thickness of between

2 approximately 6 mils and approximately 9 mils.

1 14. The frost cover of claim 9 wherein the mesh fabric is comprised substantially of

2 polypropylene.

1 15. The frost cover of claim 9 wherein the mesh fabric is comprised substantially of  
2 olefin.

1 16. A method for providing frost protection for a plant comprising the steps of:  
2 providing a plant cover having a top wall, four side walls and an opening and  
3 being formed of a membrane of spun bonded polypropylene;  
4 disposing a plant through the opening of the frost cover and disposing the cover  
5 to place the top wall upon the plant and the side walls horizontally adjacent lower  
6 portions of the plant.

1 17. The method of claim 16 further comprising the step of tightening a retaining  
2 mechanism to reduce the opening, thereby securing the frost cover upon the plant.

1 18. The method of claim 17 wherein the step of tightening a retaining mechanism  
2 comprises drawing a drawstring.

1 19. The method of claim 17 wherein the step of tightening a retaining mechanism  
2 comprises constricting an elastic band.

20. The method of claim 17 wherein the step of tightening a retaining mechanism  
comprises fastening a hook and loop-style fastener.